

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The specification has been amended to include the immediate priority information for the instant application. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-25 are currently pending in the above-identified application. Claims 14 and 16 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3-9, 11, 13, 15, 17-21 and 23 have been amended. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the canceled claims in a subsequent related application which may be filed.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

Respectfully submitted,

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